
COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN
(CSEC) WEBINAR SERIES -
DEVELOPING LOCAL PROTOCOLS

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AGENDA FOR PRESENTATION

1. Overview of SB 855 – Voluntary CA CSEC Program (Diana)
2. Other Activities (Diana)
 - Child Welfare Council, AB 2035 and H.R. 4980
3. Setting the Stage for a Collaborative Process
 - San Luis Obispo County
4. County Panels
 - El Dorado, Santa Clara, Los Angeles, & San Bernardino Counties
5. Essential Protocol Elements (Diana)
6. Q&A Session

SB 855 –CSEC PROVISIONS

SB 855 Budget Trailer Bill that:

- Clarifies that CSEC youth come under the jurisdiction of the child welfare agency under a new WIC 300(b)(2).
- Creates a voluntary CSEC program for counties wishing to participate

Funding provided via the Budget Bill - \$5 million in 2014/15 for training and local protocols, and \$14 million in 2015/16 and on-going for direct services.

- ACL 14-62 and CFL 14/15-25 allocate \$2.5m GF this year for protocol development and capacity building

SB 855 –CSEC PROVISIONS

Initial allocation of \$5 million provides funding earmarked for:

- CDSS to train social workers (via contract)
- CDSS to train foster caregivers (via contract)
- CDSS to ensure data collection (via CWS/CMS)
- Counties to train foster youth (training may be targeted)
- Counties to develop local protocols

SB 855 –CSEC PROVISIONS

Beginning FY 2015/16, the VOLUNTARY CSEC program begins. SB 855 specifies funding MAY be used for the following (included, but not limited to):

- Engaging survivors of CSEC to provide training, TA, advocate, outreach, support
- Consult and coordinate with homeless youth shelters and other service providers working with CSEC
- Specialized county staffing
- Supplemental Foster Care rate payments for board and care of CSEC

SB 855 –CSEC PROVISIONS

County Protocols

- To be developed by a team lead by a representative of the county human services department
- Agencies to be included in the protocol development team must include rep's from Probation, MH, Public Health and the Juvenile Court. May include law enforcement and others at county discretion.
- Protocols must address, at minimum, the provision of services to CSEC, including use of a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) for case management, service planning, and services to be provided.

SB 855 – CSEC PROVISIONS

Beginning 2015/16 Counties must submit Plans that include:

1. A description of how the funds will be utilized.
2. Documentation of the county's collaboration county partner agencies and children-focused entities.
 - Must include formation of an MDT.
 - Specifies who must be on the MDT – public health, AOD, behavioral health, probation. Others including law enforcement, local education agencies and survivors MAY be on the MDT.

SB 855 – CSEC PROVISIONS

Joint Case Planning – Requires the following entities to participate in case planning:

- Mental Health & Substance Abuse Disorders
- Probation
- Public Health
- Others as identified by the County

Requires named entities to provide input to CWS regarding services and supports needed. They may assist in linking these children to services, consistent with county plans.

SB 855 –CSEC PROVISIONS

Data and Reporting Requirements:

- Capacity for CWS/CMS to collect data on CSEC, including those referred to the hotline, and current CWS or Probation youth who are subsequently identified as CSEC.
- Instructions and functionality must be in place by June 1, 2015

SB 855 –CSEC PROVISIONS

DSS must also provide a report to the Legislature by April 1, 2017:

- Participating counties
- Number of victims served by each county
- Types of services provided
- Innovative strategies relating to collaboration with children, child service providers, and working with survivors for prevention, training and services
- Barriers and challenges to preventing and serving the CSEC population

CSEC – MULTIPLE INITIATIVES

1. Child Welfare Council - CSEC Action Team planned deliverables:
 - Model Interagency Protocol Framework – Targeting CWC approval at its Dec 10, 2014 mtg.
 - CSEC Practice Guidance Toolkit – Expected March 2015
 - Model Services – Expected March 2015
 - Training Curriculum - Expected March 2015

CSEC – MULTIPLE INITIATIVES

2. AB 2035 (Chesbro)

- Would have added labor trafficked youth to the WIC 300 section
- Vetoed by the Governor
- Stakeholder workgroup is being formed to explore the issue, to what extent these youth may already be served by CWS, and what may be needed going forward.

CSEC – MULTIPLE INITIATIVES

3. H.R. 4980 – Comprehensive bill that contains CWS and CSEC provisions.

Areas with potential overlap to CA's CSEC Program:

- States must develop policies and protocols to identify, document and determine appropriate services for children who are victims or are at risk
- Within two years of enactment, states must report (within 24 hours) children who are identified as CSEC to law enforcement. Starting 3 years (and each year thereafter) states must report total number of CSEC to USDHHS.
- Requires reporting of CSEC via AFCARS of youth who were victimized before foster care and those victimized while in foster care.

CSEC – MULTIPLE INITIATIVES

3. H.R. 4980 – continued

- Within one year of enactment, requires states to develop procedures to locate children missing from foster care, determined what happened while absent, and screen for CSEC.
- Within two years state agencies must report to law enforcement, National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and National Center for Missing and Exploited Children within 24 hours.

CSEC – MULTIPLE INITIATIVES

4. Federal Grant - Preventing and Addressing Child Trafficking (PACT)
 - 5 year grant (2014-2019) to leverage State CSEC funding for developing and testing protocols, tools, trainings and best practices for serving CSEC
 - 7 counties (Alameda, El Dorado, LA, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Bernardino) & 3 “shadowing” counties (Orange, Riverside and Ventura)
 - Grant overseen by DSS – OCAP Branch and will be facilitated by CFPIC.

SETTING THE STAGE FOR A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS

--COUNTY PANELS

County Panels will Address the Following

- Collaboration
- Agencies involved in the development & implementation
- Governing Structure(s)
- Custody & Intake Process
- Case Management
- Services (and who is responsible)
- Next Steps

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR PROTOCOLS

1. Governance
2. Intake
3. Assessment
4. Case Management
5. Services
6. Other

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR PROTOCOLS

1. Governance

- Who are your leaders who will commit to this effort?
- Is there an Executive Team/Steering Committee?
- How are decisions made?
- Is there a mechanism to make changes to protocols? What triggers this?
- What is your purpose? Your guiding principles?
- Include a conflict resolution process.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR PROTOCOLS

2. Intake

- What happens when law enforcement picks up the child?
- How are jurisdictional issues worked through?
- How is the child's safety maintained at intake?
- Are any screening tools used? Who administers? Who enters data?
- How do agencies communicate with each other?
- What support is provided to the child at intake (eg. CSEC advocate?)

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR PROTOCOLS

3. Assessment

- Who performs the assessment? What tools are used? Who records information?
- How is the youth engaged in this process? Their families (as appropriate?)
- What are the MDT member responsibilities in the assessment?

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR PROTOCOLS

4. Case Management

- Who is primary case manager?
- Who are the core MDT partners?
- What is the role of supportive agencies?
- What roles do the MDTs have?

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR PROTOCOLS

5. Services

- What services will be made available to CSEC (1) at intake (2) on-going and (3) transition from foster care?
- Who will be responsible for securing/delivering those services?
- How will the county partner other community-based service providers to support CSEC?
- What role to homeless shelters and others play in identifying and serving CSEC?

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR PROTOCOLS

6. Other

- Training – For MDT members and case workers (awareness and skill-based)
- Data Collection – Using data to inform protocols and service delivery

PROTOCOLS – “JUST THE BEGINNING!”

- Not a “one-size-fit’s-all” approach. Building a service array and individualized services is critical to this population.
- Placement resources need to be developed statewide
- Aligning with other efforts underway (training, federal grant, etc.)

Q&A SESSION

Please type your questions into the box.

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